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For: PRODUCT DESIGN SUPPORT SYSTEM,  
PRODUCT DESIGN SUPPORT METHOD,  
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Examiner: T. Q. Phan

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 31, 2007 (Paper No. 20070614). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.